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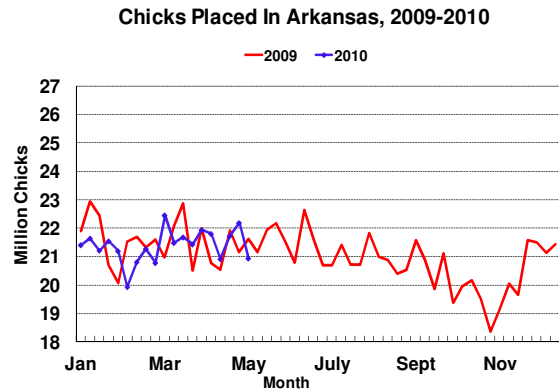
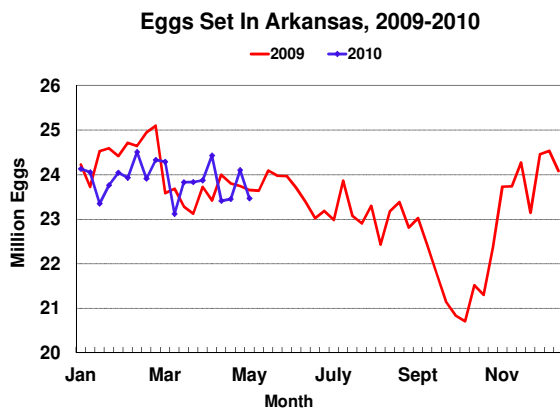


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 20.9 million during the week ending May 8, 2010. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2009 and down 6 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 8, 2010, down 1 percent from the same period last year and down 3 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, April 10, 2010 - May 8, 2010

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	1-May	8-May	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	1-May	8-May
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	30,384	30,199 *	30,292	30,944	30,489	20,790	21,377	20,340	21,332 *	21,383
Arkansas	24,424	23,406 *	23,449	24,096 *	23,462	21,793	20,910	21,719	22,183 *	20,928
Delaware	3,783	3,783	3,787	3,787	3,771	4,654	5,404	4,850	5,150	4,657
Florida	1,342	1,382	1,389	1,380	1,391	944	1,102	1,140	955	1,008
Georgia	32,011	31,808	31,695	31,665	31,765	26,788	26,360	25,735	27,144 *	26,866
Kentucky	8,435	7,697 *	7,747	7,846	8,178	6,792	6,001	6,175	6,824 *	6,345
Louisiana	3,500	3,500	3,470	3,500 *	3,319	3,112	3,134	3,187	3,153 *	3,142
Maryland	9,058	8,906	8,184	7,059	8,050	7,133	5,735	6,353	6,588	6,130
Mississippi	19,287	19,160	19,023	18,816	19,109	17,012	16,879	16,766	16,770	16,814
N. Carolina	18,620	18,704 *	19,497	19,708	19,716	15,088	15,600	15,578	15,383	15,362
Oklahoma	6,986	6,924 *	6,705	6,747	6,873	5,179	4,399	3,507	3,609 *	4,900
Pennsylvania	3,738	3,784	3,802	3,735 *	3,749	3,020	3,029	2,907	2,945 *	2,988
S. Carolina	5,770	5,507	5,667	5,839	5,789	5,416	5,344	5,781	4,485	4,631
Texas	15,548	15,654	15,816	15,900	15,649	13,021	12,462	12,825	12,931	12,892
Virginia	6,527	6,531	6,792	6,616	6,531	4,840	4,658	5,035	5,037	5,905
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,549	19,521 *	19,765 *	18,915 *	19,654	16,952	16,785 *	17,480 *	17,919 *	16,777
19 State Total	208,962	206,466 *	207,080 *	206,553 *	207,495	172,534	169,179 *	169,378 *	172,408 *	170,728
Prev. Year Total	203,712	203,819	202,068	201,582	204,581	167,137	166,888	169,887	169,262	169,977
% of Prev. Year	103	101	102	102	101	103	101	100	102	100

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 8, 2010. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 8, 2010. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through May 8, 2010 were 3.03 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.